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Nonprofit Computer Service Organization Brings Low-Cost, High Quality Services and Computers to Alameda

St. Vincent de Paul and ReliaTech team up to open new computer service center, create jobs.

Alameda, September 28, 2009 – When people in Alameda and Oakland’s waterfront communities need computer service, they have few options. Starting October 7th, they will be able to have their computers fixed by certified technician at the newest ReliaTech store. And those repair jobs will benefit the nonprofit training and jobs-creation programs of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and the Stride Center.

ReliaTech’s technicians are all nationally certified, making possible ReliaTech’s reassuring “no fix, no fee” guarantee, low prices, and free diagnostics. ReliaTech’s Gold Star Certified Renewed Computers carry a 90-day warranty, genuine Microsoft Windows, virus protection and other useful software.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Alameda County and ReliaTech, headquartered in San Pablo, today announced the opening of the new computer service center, located in the St. Vincent de Paul retail store in Alameda. ReliaTech will be providing computer repairs, and selling Gold Star Certified Renewed Computers three days a week.

“This new store will enable us to bring our low-cost, high-quality computer service and certified renewed computers to another Bay Area community,” said ReliaTech CEO Ben Delaney. He continued, “we are extremely pleased to team up with St. Vincent de Paul to offer our services in Alameda. St. Vincent is a great organization, and together we will extend our community service and help people bridge the digital divide with service and computers at below-market prices. As an added benefit in these tough times, opening this new store will enable us to create jobs in Alameda, and will strengthen the training and jobs creation programs of our parent organization, the Stride Center (www.stride-center.org).”

Philip Arca, SVdP’s Executive Director, added, “In this time of extreme economic challenge, it is imperative that community based organizations think creatively on how to work together. We are pleased to explore this relationship with ReliaTech in our Alameda retail location and to continue the conversation on future partnerships.”

The new store, ReliaTech’s fourth in the Bay Area, will be open Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday from 10 AM to 6 PM, starting Wednesday, October 7th. The St. Vincent de Paul store is open six days a week, and will accept computers for repair on the days a ReliaTech technician is not on site. No appointment is necessary. For hours and a map to the new location, visit ReliaTech’s website, www.ReliaTech.org.

About SVdP Alameda

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (www.svdp-alameda.org) is a nonprofit organization that provides direct assistance to needy men, women and children in Alameda County.

The organization, celebrating 70 years of service, exists to meet the needs of the poor and the homeless. Following the tradition of Frederic Ozanam, founder of the International Society of St. Vincent de Paul, SVdP serves anyone in need, regardless of race, creed or origin.

In 2008, SVdP served more than 140,000 needy people throughout Alameda county.

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About ReliaTech

ReliaTech is a leading provider of high quality, professional and affordable computer repair service and Gold Star Certified Renewed Computers for consumers, small businesses, and nonprofit organizations throughout the San Francisco Bay Area. ReliaTech's services include on-site dispatched technical support to residential consumers and small businesses, managed service for small and medium-sized businesses, and walk-in computer repair service at our three locations.

ReliaTech is also a major refurbisher of computers, helping the environment by diverting usable equipment and recycling equipment that is at the end of life.

ReliaTech is the social venture of The Stride Center, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. ReliaTech provides on-the-job, hands-on technology training, a transition path into the technology field, and employment for many Stride Center graduates.

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